

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-5, 7, and 9 were rejected as unpatentable over NAKAI et al. WO 01/78317 in view of KREDO et al. 2004/0161095 and claim 2 was rejected further in view of TSUKAMOTO 2007/0201653. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The Official Action acknowledges that NAKAI et al. do not disclose using a second ID and password to separately access a directory and relies on KREDO et al. for the suggestion to modify NAKAI et al. to include this feature. The Official Action points to the "voice recognition module 42" as the second ID and password by which the directory is accessed.

However, the "voice recognition" system in KREDO et al. is actually a speech recognition system that does not recognize and identify the particular voices. Note that KREDO et al. describe a "voice recognition" system in paragraphs 0003 and 0008; it is clear that these modules do not recognize and identify voices; they only convert the speech to a request for a telephone number. There is no indication in the reference that the "voice recognition" module 42 is anything more than a standard speech recognition module that converts speech to signal. There is no second ID and there is no second password here; all callers who have cleared the first check are given access to the directory without having to be recognized or ID'd.

Since the second ID and password for accessing the directory are missing from KREDO et al., there is no basis for asserting that one of skill in the art would modify NAKAI et al. to include them, and thus the claims avoid the rejections under §103.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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